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CORRECTION

Last week, it was erroneously reported that Dale Kaiser wrote an SGA resolution to establish an on-campus day care center, and that the SGA vice president is also the president pro temp of the SGA Senate. In fact, Kaiser wrote a resolution to publish a day care center guide and an apartment guide, and the president pro temp is elected by the Senate. Also, Elizabeth Humphreys' on-campus campaign luncheon is scheduled for March 7, not March 2.

Marketing Dept.

'Progressive,' high-scoring

By FADRA TEDESCO
Staff Writer

"The marketing department is the most progressive (segment) of the College of Business," said Dr. Rosetta Reed, management and marketing professor.

Reed's pride in the department is a reflection of a recent examination which the marketing majors took part in last spring semester. The results indicated that LSUS marketing students scored in the upper one-third of all those tested in the Regents College Examination in Principles of Marketing (RCEIPM).

According to Reed, she administered the RCEIPM to 81 LSUS marketing majors last spring. Claiming no favoritism, Reed "(lets) all of the students participate," in the testing, not merely the best ones, she said.

"They still did very well," as indicated by their high-ranking, she said.

The test, a measure of the knowledge gained in an introductory course in the principles of marketing, was administered to colleges (nation wide) as a field test. The test, developed by the University of the State of New York, is offered by ACT.

Though the format was simple, a one-hour test consisting of multiple-choice questions, the test itself was rigorous. It covered marketing roles in organization and society, market analysis as well as market function. This way, it tested for factual knowledge and sensible application simultaneously, said Reed.

Dr. Eileen Kelly, chairman of the department of management and marketing, said she is very pleased with the results of the exam. LSUS student scores "showed that we are competitive," she said, adding, "We were up against some pretty impressive

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February 1990: No Mardi Gras!

by LILY DIZON
Editor

This time next year LSUS students will conduct business as usual on campus while the rest of the universities under the LSU system and area universities take a Mardi Gras break, according to the 1989-90 academic calendar.

According to Dr. Gloria Raines, director of student affairs, the students will not be short-changed because the two days taken away "will be swapped for an Easter Break."

This semester, besides the two-day Mardi Gras break Easter holiday and Spring break combined to give students a five-day hiatus from school. Next spring, LSUS students will have a five day Spring break as well as a two-day Easter holiday.

In essence, as Raines stated, the students' days off from school are not being taken away. However, LSUS is veering away from the norm because all other universities under the LSU system will have their customary Mardi Gras days off.

That is due to the fact that LSUS is geographically "so far in the northern part of Louisiana," said Dr. Dalton Cloud, chairman of the communications department and a faculty member on the Academic Calendar Committee.

LSUS is located in northern Louisiana, but so are Centenary College, Louisiana Tech University and Northeast Louisiana University, all of which are scheduled to have their Mardi Gras breaks.

"As far as I know, we will have a Mardi Gras (break)," said Jim McKellar, director of Centenary's student affairs.

Allison Horath and Kristi Young, student workers of student affairs of Tech and Northeast respectively, confirmed that their schools also are scheduled to have the festive break.

That leaves LSUS standing alone. But, Raines said the no



Elizabeth Humphreys

"Mardi Gras is a part of our heritage."

E. Humphreys, 1989

break next February is likely to be applauded, rather than missed, by the faculty and students. The reason being, "There's a general feeling from the faculty that it's a waste because most students don't go to New Orleans for Mardi Gras," she said.

Also, LSUS started to implement the break five years ago during which time, "it did not receive a great deal of support," Raines added.

The Academic Calendar Committee is made up of different personnel from different departments and three student representatives. According to Raines, the committee decides on the academic calendar two years ahead. Then, the calendar has to be received and revised before it's distributed as a final copy.

Raines said the student representatives on the committee are aware of the changes.

Tommy Dowd, senior secondary English education major, clarified Raines' statement saying, "The student representatives who planned the calendar two years ago were informed of the changes. I've only heard rumors."

"It matters to me that I won't have a break next year," said Dowd, adding, "We should

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Kaiser, Medicus enter race

Note: This is the second part in a three-part series profiling the candidates for SGA president and vice president. All candidates will have the same opportunity to be interviewed by the ALMAGEST.

By KEVAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Dale Kaiser, a political science graduate student, has a list of accomplishments as long as his arms. And they are long — a fact which combined with his steady aim makes him a formidable darts opponent.

He's won several tournaments, including a recent one in Texas where he won second place in singles and first in doubles.

Right now, though, Kaiser's aim is to become SGA president. This is the third time on the stump for a man who can be called the SGA's elder statesman.

Kaiser's running mate is Audrey Medicus, a history senior



Dale Kaiser

and SGA executive secretary.

Kaiser graduated from LSUS in 1986 with a B.A. in political science. He returned to the university in the fall of '88, ran for senator-at-large and won, and is currently president pro temp of the SGA senate as well as chairman of the internal affairs rules committee and the elections rules board.

Though Kaiser is a veteran with SGA, Medicus is a relative newcomer. She started as a



Audrey Medicus

senator-at-large in '87, during which time she was chairman of the public relations committee. In April '88, she was appointed executive secretary and she reorganized the office in accordance with SGA bylaws to aid future executive secretaries.

Like incumbent Elizabeth Humphreys, Kaiser and Medicus say they will address LSUS' need to become a state power.

"One of the issues that we will

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editorial

Louisiana Politicians use education as helpless pawns

By LILY DIZON
Editor

It doesn't take a strategist to deduce that Gov. Buddy Roemer and his cronies in Baton Rouge are playing a game of chess using the smaller, less-established universities in Louisiana as pawns.

Last week, Roemer in a special legislative session, asked the Legislature to raise taxes or he will take drastic measures such as closing all universities to correct Louisiana's economic status.

Most of us will recognize that this is an over-used and worn-out ploy that Louisiana politicians have used through the years whenever they want money. The problem is the ploy is getting too thin.

No one is denying our state is in dire need of more money. The pot holes on Louisiana roads may be listed as one of the world's Seven No Wonders. As for our education, there are 50 states in the union. We rank 49th.

So why is it that every time the Legislature moves to the "don't raise tax" space, Roemer counters with "cut education"? Isn't education that weapon that we're counting on to combat Louisiana's long-entrenched problems of unemployment, poverty and, last but not least, corrupt politics? Maybe that last reason is why Roemer threatens that education may be cut. Perhaps the politicians in the state Capitol are perfectly content with the way things are.

Roemer said, "I'd have to eliminate all colleges and universities," if his tax package is not passed.

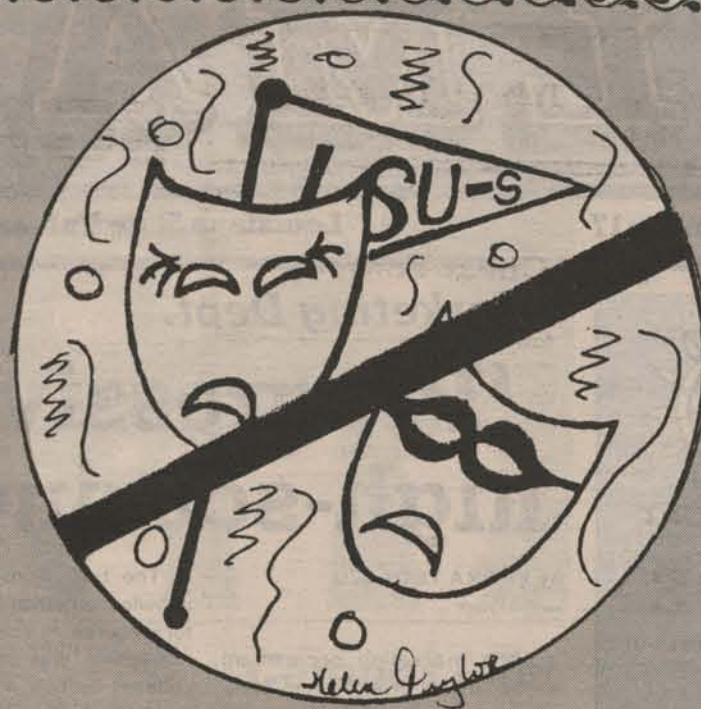
"All"? Who is the governor trying to kid? The odds are 100 to 1 that "all" includes the patriarch of the LSU system, LSU-Baton Rouge and any of those other older universities that have men who are alumni. These men spell money and political support.

Who are the governor and Legislature to dare close "their" universities?

Who will be among the first pawns to be removed from the board? Not shockingly, it will be LSUS. The reasons are unfair but clear and have been expressed over and over again: We have no, none, nil, political support nor do we have equal representation in South Louisiana where all the wheelings and dealings take place.

Touch Centenary and money will talk. Approach Tech and Northeast and tempers will fly off the handle. But LSUS, what are we but a small fish in a big bayou?

All we can really do is call the governor's bluff and cross our fingers that the chess players look elsewhere for pawns they can crush. Education is too important in this state to be slashed for political reasons. And LSUS, though small, is producing quality students — students who tomorrow may take the place of those claiming to represent us down deep in the heart of Louisiana.



Don't protest: Skip!

By LORINE JAME
Managing Editor

What! No Mardi Gras break?

It was decided two years ago, next year we won't have a break for Mardi Gras.

Wait! Before you start a protest like Lily Dizon urged you to do weeks ago, let me tell you — it won't accomplish anything!

An academic calendar committee consisting of administrators and professors as well as students planned the 1990 calendar two years ago. The committee meets next week to plan the 1991 calendar.

I guess you could argue, as some professors have, that it all equals out in the end. The committee claims these two days previously allotted for Mardi Gras break are not being taken away but rather moved.

This year LSUS students got two days for Mardi Gras break and a week for a combined Spring/Easter break.

Instead of getting out of school on Monday and "Fat Tuesday" during Mardi Gras, we "northerners" will get out one week for Spring Break and two days for Easter Break, according to the 1990 calendar.

Yes, I know Shreveport is in the South and we're "southerners." But, after hearing the reasoning behind the decision to take away our Mardi Gras break, "you guys" would think we were so far north — lost somewhere between an iceberg and an avalanche.

They say LSUS is in the northern part of the state; therefore, we don't need nor do we take advantage of the Mardi Gras break. Well, where are Tech and Northeast geographically? They'll still have their Mardi Gras break next year as will the colleges and universities under the LSU system.

We can be thankful that the two days will still be holidays but it's the principle which makes little sense.

"Students at LSUS don't go to Mardi Gras anyway," you say. I beg your pardon! There are many who do and may I say they generally enjoy it and look forward to returning the next year.

Well, at least you know ahead of time. Look on the bright side, you have almost an entire year to change your plans.

My prediction is (I know I'm not a sports writer) that despite the fact that it isn't on the 1990 calendar, many LSUS students will take a few days off for a Mardi Gras break next year!

However, the calendar is already planned so fits of rage won't change things. But, nobody said we couldn't have a little fun.

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Turning The Corner

Don't Cheat Yourself!

By TOM EYTON-JONES
Columnist

Joe knew this test would be a snap. He was surrounded by luck: a former high school honor student sat on his left and an older former housewife-type sat on his right. They had received high marks on the last test so no matter which way he looked, Joe had access to another "A" test.

While all those other fools were studying until 3 a.m., Joe was sleeping soundly — it was in the bag!

Joe smiled to himself as he accepted a copy of the test from the professor and pulled his pen from his shirt. He looked down at his test long enough to write his name, the name of his professor and the number of the course. Then he looked up...and gasped in terror!

Joe was alone! The professor looked like he was a thousand miles away and his voice came roaring toward Joe like a killer tornado: "You'd better get busy, Mr. Braggart. You only have half an hour to complete that 500-question exam."

Five hundred questions?! Joe looked down at his test. It was as thick as an encyclopaedia volume. "Where is everybody?" he screamed.

"They finished days ago," the monstrous voice answered. "You weren't paying attention, as usual. Now you are on your own. Ha! Ha! Ha!" The voice

now sounding like a mad dinosaur, trailed off into the distance. Joe couldn't see the professor anymore.

Almost instantly, the prof was beside him. "What's the matter? Why aren't you writing?"

Suddenly, his parents were in front of him. "Sorry, Joe, but we can't waste any more money on a loser," they said. His father's face was ghastly white as he shredded his checkbook.

"NOOOOOO!" he yelled as loudly as he could. The screams were replaced by a loud ringing. It was his alarm clock! It had been a dream! A totally horrible end-of-the-world-type dream! Maybe there was still a chance. The exam was still two hours away.

He got up and ran to the closet, pulled out his book bag and extracted his notebook. All the pages were blank. He had never bothered to take a single note! He yanked out the textbook and opened it. It creaked and groaned. It had never been opened before. He didn't know where to start.

Two hours later, Joe sat, quietly but visibly shaking. "To make this exam fair," the professor said, "I want everyone to be at least one seat apart on all sides."

His safety line was cut. Joe was alone.

SGA officers slack off

Dear Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you and the student body of how well you are being represented in the Student Government Association.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the senate voted unanimously for a resolution requesting that a left turn signal be placed at the top of the Youree Drive and Millicent Drive intersection. The resolution also asked for \$450 to send three SGA representatives to the Conference on Student Government Associations that was held Feb. 25-28 at Texas A&M.

SGA President Elizabeth Humphreys chose to veto this resolution, killing the request for a left turn signal and not allowing LSUS to be represented at COSGA, which is an internationally recognized conference.

President Humphreys maintained that it is not worth the money (\$450) to send representatives to this conference because we do not get anything in return for the money spent.

SGA Vice President Derek Naquin, last year's delegate to COSGA, said his participation in the conference greatly enhanced his performance as SGA vice president. Naquin called a special meeting of the senate, Fri., Feb. 24. All senators were

notified the day before the meeting.

When the meeting was called to order, there were not enough senators present to constitute a quorum. Only 12 of the 24 senators took the time to attend the meeting. There were reports that senators had been called and told not to come to the meeting. Some of these absentees were seen socializing on the first floor of the University Center at the time of the meeting. It was also rumored that many of those absent have personal affiliation with the president.

Regardless of their reasons for not attending the meeting, I feel that the senators of the SGA were elected to represent the students of LSUS. By not attending the meeting, they have failed to live up to the trust the students of LSUS have vested in them.

I am personally enraged that the people who were supposed to represent me chose not to vote on the resolution, much less vote against it. By not attending this meeting, these senators effectively voted against a signal light that would have made our coming to, and especially our leaving, LSUS much safer and against an opportunity for new ideas to be brought back to us from around

the globe.

To give you an idea of how valuable attendance to this conference is, Bill Epps, a former senator, past president of ODK and currently an MBA student, gave the \$450 so that the SGA could attend COSGA. Epps' motive was that he was supporting the unanimous will of the student senate against President Humphreys' veto which he referred to as "an abomination to the student body."

My question is how can President Humphreys say that this conference is a waste of time and money when she has never attended the conference herself?

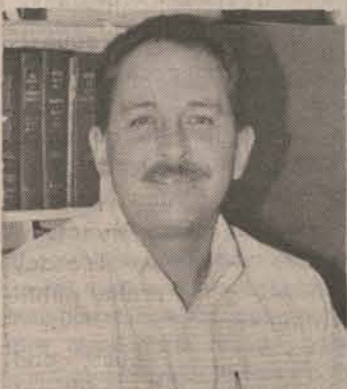
Also, students of LSUS, if you want to be represented the way you should be, then please remember the names of the following senators who did not attend the meeting without legitimate excuses and vote against them when they come up for re-election:

Jennifer Braswell; Raymond Gaines; Lisa Mills; Donna Orton; Rob DeSoto; Chuck Fisher; Jeff Hu; Chris Sockrider; Grant Summers and Pamela Hamilton

Ken Brown, sophomore
Former senator-at-large

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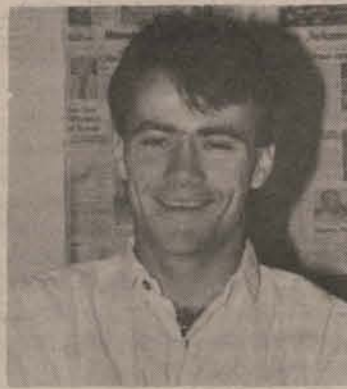
What is your opinion on the recent election of David Duke as Louisiana State representative?



RICHARD GEORGIA, assistant professor of social science: "I thought that he was a jerk before he was elected and now that he has spoken before the Legislature, I know that he's one."



SUSAN BEACH, criminal justice junior: "David Duke has the right just like everyone else to be elected. However, his affiliations with white supremacists is an insult to the people of Louisiana."



LEE MORRIS, social science senior: "If that is what the people want, that's what the people get! I feel sorry for them."



TASHA ALLEN, marketing freshman: "I don't believe that a man with a strong prejudice like his should be allowed to represent a bi-racial community."



TYRONE BATES, accounting sophomore: "It's showing that some people have an open mind. His past may be true but people are giving him a chance."

news

Fraternities: 'heading back to basics'

By MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

Anyone who watched the movie "Animal House" may think that sex, drugs, parties, alcohol, childish pranks, hazings and poor grades are what fraternities are all about.

Wrong, said LSUS fraternity presidents. All wrong.

"I think that image is going to disappear soon," said Tommy Dowd, a secondary English education senior and president of Phi Delta Theta.

Dowd said that although "Animal House" is a fun movie, "It is an extreme example. All fraternities, nationwide, are heading back to basics."



Phi Delta's house...peaceful and serene.

photo by Woodrow Evans

"Our fraternity is based on friendship, sound learning and moral rectitude," Dowd said, adding, "We are not a group of drunken guys."

Jerry Hawkins, finance senior and president of Kappa Alpha, said his fraternity no longer pro-

vides alcohol at parties.

"We are known as the gentlemen of the fraternity world," Hawkins said. "We set ourselves above the average."

Whereas Kappa Alpha are the "gentlemen," Kappa Sigma's key word is conservative, said its president, Jeff Abney, a public relations junior.

"We look for intelligent guys who are motivated to contribution," Abney said.

Sigma Phi fraternity looks for, said its president, Todd Lester, finance sophomore. His fraternity is looking for a variety of smart people to round out and balance its membership, he said. Their members include Lee Morris, Inter-Fraternity Council president, and Mike Stravb, Accounting Club president, Lester said.

In the movies the fraternities

ask that their pledges "haze" — do something to prove they are worthy of being on the fraternity. According to LSUS fraternities, it is no longer practiced. Abney said there are very strong national policies against hazing.

Hawkins agrees that hazing is a bad idea. "The way we see it, these guys (pledges) are the future of this organization. Once hazing is started it's just a downhill roll for the fraternity," he said.

Several LSUS students who wanted to remain anonymous accused fraternities of being clubs where people buy friends. "You pay your dues and all of a sudden you have all of these 'brothers.' It's so phony."

All four LSUS fraternity presidents said they hear that accusation all the time and there is no truth in it.

It's a hard argument to go against because you do pay money and you do get friends," Lester said, adding, "But that is not the way it is. The money doesn't go for friendships. The people are going to be your friends anyway."

Hawkins added to Lester's argument by saying, "Anything you do in life you are going to have to pay for it, whether it's organizations or a fitness center. I have received a lot more than I have put into the fraternity. I see the benefits."

According to the presidents, fraternities give students many benefits. They help new students adjust to the new environment of

college life by giving them friends as well as tutorial help with school work. Also, fraternities also help students prepare for the job market by teaching them to handle responsibility and by giving them contacts with other fraternity members in the business world, they added.

The fraternities are proud of the fact that they are all involved with community services.

Delta Sigma Phi has auctioned off famous women around Shreveport in their Bid for Bachelorette program in order to raise money for the March of Dimes. They have also helped with the Mothers March Against Birth Defects program and have an open offer for help extended to the March of Dimes.

For the past two years, Kappa Alpha has held Keg Walks and has helped in telethons to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy and the American Diabetes Association.

Kappa Sigma raised \$5,000 to help Cherie Walls get an organ transplant. They have also raised money for the Kidney Foundation.

Phi Delta Theta is in the Adopt a Park program. They pick a park in Shreveport, then work and spend money to maintain it. Currently, they are keeping up the park on the Thora Boulevard median north of Pierremont.

"Animal House" they are not, but LSUS fraternities are an integral part of the campus and their members will be the first to inform anyone of that fact.



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Black History Month recap

BY MIKE BOWLIN
Staff Writer

During February, LSUS celebrated Black History Month with five on-campus events sponsored by the student activities office and Moa Afrika, LSUS' black student group. These events were marred by lack of student participation, according to one of Moa Afrika's representatives.

The first event, a live satellite program entitled "Beyond the Dream: A Celebration of Black History," featured leaders from various fields focusing on black achievements, contributions and perspectives.

According to Student Activities Director Colette Cheramie, several hundred people attended the program, although "the majority were local high school students we invited."

Cleo Fields, the youngest state

senator in the history of Louisiana, was LSUS' Keynote Speaker for the month. Fields discussed matters directed toward positively motivating the youth of our state.

Cheramie was very impressed with Fields, she said.

"In the coming years, he'll be well-known in the country — not just in the state," said Cheramie.

"Strivers for Freedom," sponsored by Moa Afrika, presented an historical overview of three great black Americans: Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois.

Moa Afrika Vice President Pamela Hamilton was "very disappointed" in the lack of student participation in these events, she said.

"The attendance for Cleo Fields was horrible," said Hamilton. "However, the presen-

tations were excellent."

There were two dance programs during Black History Month. The first, "Inter City Row Modern Dance Company," presented a unique form of dance which reflects the music and American heritage of both blacks and whites. The company specializes in classical ballet, modern jazz, African and Afro-Caribbean dance.

Then came "Kuumba," another local group dedicated to keeping African culture alive. The group blended traditional West African drum beats with rhythmic stilt-dancing.

According to Cheramie, the success of Black History Month is difficult to measure.

"The quality of the programs was excellent, but the attendance was poor," she said.

campus

Sororities: working and having fun!

MATT FRAZIER
Staff Writer

LSUS sororities' main objectives, according to their officers, are to promote scholarship, sisterhood, and at the same time, to have fun.

The three nationally-chartered sororities at LSUS include Delta Sigma Theta, Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha.

Cynthia Trahan, a senior elementary and special education major, is the president of the newest and smallest sorority, Delta Sigma Theta.

Established at LSUS in the spring of 1988, the sorority has seven members. To get into the sorority one must take 24 semester hours from a college and maintain a 2.5 grade-point average. Three character references, two from Delta members, stating the applicant's qualities, are also required.

"Our major focus is to be a public service sorority," Trahan said. "Everything we make is always funneled back into the community."

Delta's community services include a two-day reading



photo by Matt Frazier

Sorority presidents (left to right): Marnie Marlar, Ashley Elston, and Lisa Bosley. (Not pictured: Cynthia Trahan).

seminar for children 2 to 10 years old. In this seminar the sorority reads to children and provides a variety of books to the Learning and Play Child Development Center.

The Deltas also collect clothes for the Salvation Army and spend time and effort on the Harmony House nursing home.

Phi Mu, established at LSUS in 1984, is the largest sorority on campus.

Lisa Bosley, a public relations junior and president of Phi Mu, said that her sorority's 40 members are dedicated to scholarship.

"We are not going to have any

"Most people have the wrong view of sororities. They give us a chance to meet people and become close friends, like sisters. That's hard to do at a commuter school."

Marnie Marlar, 1989

parties this semester," said Bosley. "Our number one priority is scholarship."

Phi Mu is currently involved in a complex system of competition and support within their sorority, hoping to raise their grade-point average.

Last summer, at the Phi Mu national convention, they won the Outstanding Collegiate Chapter Award given for chapters at schools with less than seven sororities.

Their community services include raising money for the Health Opportunities for People Everywhere organization, the Childrens Miracle Network, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and visiting the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled children.

Founded at LSUS in 1975, Zeta Tau Alpha has 21 members. Marnie Marlar, a sophomore second-

dary education social studies major is its president.

Although they were beaten this semester by Delta Delta (whose charter has been taken away recently), Zeta Tau Alpha had the highest grade-point average for the three previous semesters.

"Most people have the wrong view of sororities," Marlar said. "They give us a chance to meet people and become close friends, like sisters. That's hard to do at a commuter school."

Zeta Tau Alpha raises money for the Association for Retarded Citizens. They also help out the Easter Seals and the Holy Angels Easter Egg Hunt.

"I think the panhellenic spirit is most definitely at its peak," said Marlar. "I think it's going in a positive direction."

Racism hinders nation's potential

By SARAH J. ADCOCK
Contributing Writer

"The problems that confront blacks confront us all as a nation and racism hinders our potential to grow and excel as a nation," said Dr. Cameron McCarthy, a published educator from LSU-Baton Rouge.

McCarthy spoke to a crowd of approximately 100 on Feb. 23 on "Race, Racism and Education."

McCarthy is a native of Barbados where the literacy rate is 98 percent. He moved to Canada and then to the United States to continue his graduate work where for the first time in his life, he experienced racism and began to question why so many black Americans were deemed under-achievers and placed in remedial classes, he said.

McCarthy used fraternities and sororities on northern campuses to illustrate how blacks are excluded from mainstream America. Some of these functions used "slave auctions," white sheets and hoods, cross burnings and "jungle parties" as a form of celebration, he cited.

When black students protested these acts, white students were stunned and shocked over blacks'

sensitivity to these acts and stated such things as, "We were just having fun," or that it was hard to know how minorities felt about certain practices, McCarthy said.

To make matters worse, university officials often play down these racist acts and attribute them to individual prejudices instead of addressing the broader issues obviously involved, he added.

These events exist as a "metaphor for a university system and a society that have retreated from the promise of racial equality. . . ." McCarthy said.

"The very raison d'être (reason for being) of the fraternity is that of reproducing a white exclusionary identity," he added.

White-dominated fraternities and sororities symbolically emulate white supremacist groups "at the expense and to the exclusion of blacks and other minorities," McCarthy said. This exclusion of minorities undermines their attempts to obtain a quality education, McCarthy said because they feel isolated and persecuted.

McCarthy believes the same intellectual and moral support



We justify ourselves by saying, "blacks don't want to come to LSUS..."

Dr. Joe Kincheloe, 1989

given to whites should be given to blacks as well.

McCarthy went on to say that the Nixon and Reagan administrations have done much damage to the civil rights gains made in the '60s. Affirmative action quotas have been challenged and reversed and projects enhancing social integration have been axed, McCarthy said. Such actions fostered a broad expression of resentment toward minorities, he added.

The Reagan administration not only attacked Third World

countries like Grenada and Nicaragua but also the "enemy within" — blacks and other minorities, McCarthy said, adding that this type of aggressive anti-minority policy has bolstered radical white supremacist groups like the skinheads and the KKK.

Because of blacks' unemployment rates and low income brackets, they are associated with the term "under-achiever," said McCarthy. Also the current practices are to "blame the victim" and discredit minorities as being uneducable. Standardized test scores and high school drop out rates for blacks stereotyped minorities as "under-achievers," he said.

A "crisis of legitimacy" results from the labeling of blacks as under-achievers, said McCarthy. This throws into question the credibility of the system, teacher competence and policy soundness of our entire educational system, he added.

McCarthy takes the credibility question a step further by saying that when blacks do succeed in university curriculum, graduation still does not guarantee them

better jobs. Statistics show that whites are given more job opportunities even when black applicants have higher qualifications, he said.

Most of the audience said they

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Selective admission: Pros and cons

By LILY DIZON
Editor

Some faculty members want selective admission standards for LSUS and others vehemently oppose it.

Given the different view points, the meeting to discuss selective admission, called by the Liberal Arts faculty senators, gave no results nor did it recommend any affirmative actions.

LSUS' Admission and Standard Committee had recommended that selective admissions standards at this university include 1) ACT composite score of at least 16; OR 2) satisfactory attendance on placement tests in English, math and reading; OR 3) rank in upper 50 percent of high school graduation class or 2.5 grade point average; OR 4) successful completion of a semester through academic resource center.

Dr. Dalton Cloud, co-dean of the College of Liberal Arts, listed the four qualifications and asked the liberal arts faculty for input.

Disagreements and different voices of opinion poured forth.

Dr. Charlene Handford, communications professor, received many vocal agreements from her

peers when she said she disagreed in part with the standards set because, "A student transferring to LSUS from another school does not need to meet these qualifications. This is not a good idea because we're setting a double standard for students who began here and students who transfer in."

Dr. Robert Leitz, English professor, agreed with Handford but for a different reason.

"We must take into account the Academic Resource Center (which offers remedial courses)," said Leitz, continuing, "If we take these courses away (which is likely if LSUS were to have selective admission), at least \$200,000 income coming from students will be lost and many (faculty members) may lose their jobs."

Richard Georgia, criminal justice professor, questioned the validity of setting the ACT score of 16 as a standard for entering freshmen.

"That is the number that comes up from other schools," Handford answered, adding, "It's really going to make a difference because of the 'or' (stipulations)."

Also, the national ACT



Dr. Norman Dolch

average "falls somewhere between 15 and 16," added Dr. Ann Torrains. However, she had "a student once whose score was three," she said and therefore favored the recommended score of 16.

The rationale behind these recommended standards, said Cloud, is "If you set standards, then the students will attempt to meet them so they can get into the schools."

"We must remember," Cloud added, "There are no legislative acts that mandate open admission. The LSU Board of Supervisors By-law says admission standards belong to the faculty."

Because of the consent decree

in which the federal courts required that all Louisiana's higher education be desegregated, the selective admission is an attempt to meet this order, said Cloud.

Cloud asked the faculty to make their own proposals for a plan to meet the court's decree because "If we can create it, we can amend it. But if we leave it to the court, we have to abide by it," said Cloud.

From that line of reason, Georgia said, "Then let's set the standards on paper, approve it, and if problems arise, we'll still have the ability to deal with them. Let's at least go on record."

Dr. Donald Sanderson, philosophy professor, disagreed with Georgia because, "This policy is really a sham."

Sanderson wants more time to study the question of selective admission, he said, because "What we're doing is making decisions when we're totally blind, which is foolish."

Another opposition to selective admission was brought forth by Dr. Norman Dolch, sociology professor.

Dolch hesitated against supporting the standard he said, because "Our campus has

already been charged as being a racist institute. If we make this a selective admission (university), we'll open ourselves up to public outcry."

If that is held to be true, then "All other schools (having the same standards) can be labeled the same," Cloud countered Dolch's argument, but added that the faculty needs to make a decision soon.

"Let's cut the garbage," he said. What is really facing LSUS is "If we have selective admission and use the ACT score (of 16) only, then you're going to have a whole lump of folks that won't come here," he added.

The bottom line, said Cloud, is "Some faculty want students here because they want their jobs here."

In the end, although Cloud requested that the staff present take a vote and the majority favored selective admission, the general consensus was that no questions had been adequately answered and no decisions had been made.

The Faculty Senate will meet in the University Center Monday at 2 p.m. for further discussion and to make a formal vote. Cloud invited everyone to attend.

RACISM

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gained a new insight from hearing McCarthy's speech. Pearlean Williams, a Ph.D. student in education, agreed with McCarthy and compared his speech to "a case of preaching to the converted."

Identifying cliches such as "bite the bullet" and "pull

yourself up by the bootstraps," Williams said that blacks had too long been given lip service when all they needed was a helping hand to get started.

Dr. Joe Kincheloe, education professor, questioned the element of power surrounding racial issues. The avoidance of cultural differences in college curricula produces power struggles that inhibit a learning environment, he said.

"In the name of quality education and excellence, minority concerns are rendered invisible," Kincheloe added. We justify ourselves by saying, "blacks don't want to come to LSUS..."



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Bigby Scholarship

Application forms are available in Dr. Mary Ann McBride's office, dean of liberal arts for the LSUS Walter O. Bigby Scholarship. The deadline for submission of applications is April 4.

A student completing his or her sophomore or junior year and who is majoring in political science, English, history of a Liberal Arts pre-law curriculum are eligible. The student must have a 3.0 GPA. Also, the committee will look at the student's financial need.

Teachers Eligible For Summer Institute At LSUS

April 14 is the deadline for applications to the Summer Institute on American Philosophy and the Teaching of Humanities in High School, which will be offered during the afternoons of June 8-29 at LSUS.

The institute will award \$500 stipends to those who finish the course which will be offered on both a credit and non-credit basis.

Classes will meet on the

LSUS campus from 1-4 p.m. Applications are available from project director Dr. Donald G. Sanderson, professor of philosophy.

For further information, call 797-5129.

American Symposium

Congratulations to Charles Maranto and Lori NeJame for being scholarship recipients of the American Studies at LSUS.

They will hear President George Bush and other national leaders in Washington, D.C. when they attend the Spring Symposium on the American Presidency March 17-19.

Maranto, a junior majoring in economics, is the vice president of the LSUS College Republicans. His essay on "The Presidency at 200 Years" has been entered into the national competition of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, which also conducts the symposium.

NeJame, a junior communications major, is managing editor of the ALMAGEST, the LSUS student newspaper.

Spring Break

Students will be on Spring

break from Monday, March 20 through Friday, March 24. The Easter Holiday for University personnel will be observed on Friday, March 24.

The Library schedule for the Spring break will be Friday, March 17-7:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday March 18-19-Closed; Monday-Thursday March 20-23-8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday March 24-26-Closed; Regular schedule resumes on Monday, March 27.

Novelist To Teach At LSUS

"Fiction Short Course: Goals in Storytelling," a new short course will be offered at LSUS on Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. from March 8-29.

Shreveport novelist Harold King will teach the fiction short course designed to bring together people who want to write fiction with an experienced novelist who knows the craft of storytelling.

Pre-registration for the course is necessary through the LSUS Office of Conferences and Institutes at 797-5262. The fee for the workshop is \$60.

sports

Bruthas gaining momentum: heads toward tournament

By KEN KURIGER
Sports Editor

The Bruthas had all kinds of momentum after beating Cobra 46-34 Monday night. It was their fourth straight win and at 4-1, they were poised to join the upper echelon of the league.

Then they played ROTC Tuesday night and the momentum came to a grinding halt. Actually, it was an immediate halt.

Nobody for the Bruthas shot well and ROTC, with four players in double figures, romped, 68-28. It wouldn't have mattered if somebody had gotten a hot hand for the Bruthas—talent-wise, they were simply overmatched.

Woodrow Evans used his size and leaping inside to score 18 points, including several nice jump hooks from the lane. Patrick Hall had 15, Aubrey Hullaby 12 and Robert Atkins 10 for the 4-2 Titans.

Dan Matthews, who has emerged somewhat as the Bruthas leader on the court, battled his way to 13 points. Matthews found himself surrounded by two or three black-clad Titans throughout the game and didn't receive much help on the glass.

For ROTC, this could be a turning point in their season. Prior to Tuesday, they hadn't fully asserted themselves as a league power. But with all their key

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Ken Kuriger, 1989

players finally together for a game, the Titans jelled in a hurry.

If they continue to run the floor as they did against the Bruthas, watch out other teams.

Speaking of other teams, the intramural frontrunners were also in action Tuesday evening.

Wheelin' and Dealin' tarried through a slow-paced first half against Withourselves, then shifted gears defensively and won handily, 79-59.

Yeah they're cocky, and yeah they get more ink than other teams, whether it be good or bad. But, without a doubt, they're the funnest team to watch. They're also the only team in the league that can bring three quality players off the bench at any time.

Against Withourselves, newcomer Al "Alpo" De Laune proved his worth by hitting for 16 points, including two NBA-length three-pointers. He also played solid, even intimidating defense underneath. Combined with big men Tyrone Bates and Brian Hildebrand, DeLaune adds a

relatively imposing aura to the first-place Dealers.

Captain Mike Bradford banged the offensive glass and played effective post offense on his way to 14 points. But the real leaders for W & D Tuesday were Bates, with 19, and Aaron Woods. Woods provides the most important thing for this team—stability.

And since they have stability, it's not likely they'll be thwarted in their title drive. Not even by the new, improved ROTC edition.



Will it ever come down?

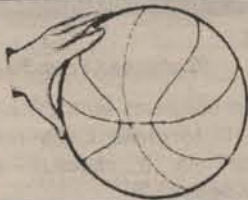
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Intramural Hoops Record

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have a Mardi Gras holiday because it's identified with Louisiana."

Like Dowd, Tom Eyton-Jones, nontraditional student representative, also said he was "not informed" of the changes in the calendar as he was not on the committee two years ago.

"Oh really?" was the comment Humphreys made when informed that there will not be a Mardi Gras break in 1990. Humphreys is a junior and therefore will be affected. "Having that break is

something (we Louisianians) are accustomed to. It's a part of our heritage," she said.

Not so, said Dr. Stuart Mills, chairman of math department. "(Mardi Gras) isn't a tradition in this part of the state. It seems like a contrived holiday (in this region)."

Mills admitted to being one of the faculty members who opposed a Mardi Gras break when it was first proposed. He cited different "breaks" such as Fall break and Spring break as non-essentials to LSUS because "hated to see a semester chopped up and fragmented," Mills said.

HIGH-SCORING

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schools."

Among the universities included were University of Alabama, the College of William and Mary, University of Hawaii, University of Mississippi, Indiana State University, Notre Dame, Kent State and West Texas State University. A total of 51 universities participated. This proves that LSUS has "high-caliber program," said Kelly.

Two key elements of excellence have made it possible for LSUS' relatively small marketing program to become successful. The first is the outstanding marketing majors and a second is the outstanding marketing professors, Kelly said.

Also, the student/teacher relationship made it easier for the department to function unobstructively. "We have an ex-

cellent working relationship. . . the students make my job easier. They are a great group of students to work with," said Reed.

Kelly stated that the test ranking should be credited to the marketing program and it "reflects favorably on our faculty."

But, this is only the beginning for plans to upscale the marketing department. The department will only have 10 graduates this May. According to Reed and Kelly, their primary goal is to increase the number of students in the program.

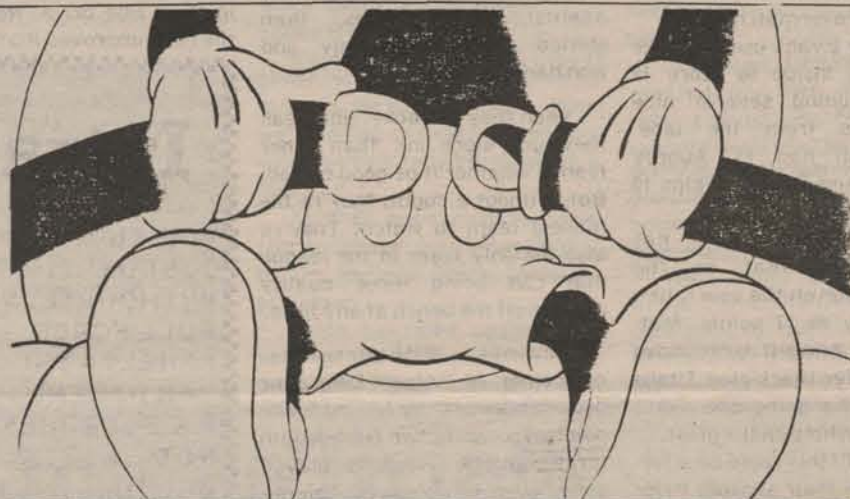
Lack of students is due to lack of faculty, said Kelly. The university's budget or lack of funds has affected the department's size, she added. As a result of only a minimal number of faculty members, only a small number of classes can be offered.

Campus life:



Jack be nimble, Jack be quick.

photo by Woodrow Evans



Buckle Up For Spring Break '89

RACE

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concern ourselves with," Kaiser said, "is to make LSUS much stronger on a regional and statewide level."

Also, Medicus says she will assist by going to Baton Rouge and making LSUS students' needs known to LSU-BR and the Legislature.

"Students across the nation," she said, "are doing this and producing results. We can produce results."

About an LSUS day care center, Kaiser and Medicus reservedly support Humphreys' position.

"We are in support of that (on-campus day care)," said Kaiser, adding, "and we are also in support of the SGA doing a joint feasibility study with the Non-Traditional Student Union. There are a lot of questions to be answered about a day care center."

Another plank in the Kaiser-Medicus platform is accessibility.

"We want to be greatly accessible to the students," said Kaiser. "The SGA president is currently a paid position; they get 12 hours per week." He add-

ed, "I plan to give the time that I'm paid for by posting and keeping 12 office hours weekly."

So far, Kaiser said he has spent \$22 on the campaign. The money was used to rent a golf cart that he and Medicus entered in the LSUS Mardi Gras parade.

Kaiser said he expects to spend between \$300 and \$500 on the campaign and that he will be willing to take contributions. He is also willing to report how much he accepts and from whom, he said.

Also, Kaiser and Medicus said they would take a limited "hands-off" style of leadership if elected.

"As far as leadership style," Kaiser said, "I don't see the president telling the senate what to do. I see the president's job as dealing with the administration and the outside business and governmental officials."

Kaiser said that his past losses in presidential elections probably won't cost him this one.

"I'm not looking at the SGA presidency as a resume builder," he said. "I believe it is a stewardship, and the students have placed a trust in the person they've elected. I will work to uphold that trust," he said.



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